



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Mild Temperatures Favorable for Winter Wheat

Agricultural Summary

Temperatures were generally above average for the week ending October 23. Reported averages ranged from one degree below normal to six degrees above normal. Most weather stations reported drier conditions than normal although several areas of the state reported significant moisture. Major agricultural activities for the week included moving cattle and sheep, cutting alfalfa, planting winter wheat, and harvesting sugarbeets and potatoes.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was reported to be 0% very short, 12% short, 85% adequate, and 3% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork during the past week.

Field Crop Report

Mild fall weather has been good for winter wheat emergence and stand establishment according to the Nez Perce County Extension. Rain slowed silage harvest but made slight improvements the forage quality of range lands in Twin Falls County. Corn harvested for grain, at thirteen percent complete, is slightly ahead of last year's eight percent but behind the five year average of thirty-four. Potato harvest complete, at ninety-five percent, is identical to the five year average but slightly behind last year's ninety-eight percent.

Livestock Report

Calves are coming off range in Caribou County. Several Southern Idaho counties are commenting that the 4th cutting of alfalfa looks poor

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range and Pasture	3	11	29	41	16
Winter Wheat	--	1	11	75	13
Irr. Water Supply	--	--	3	57	40

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2011	2010	Avg.
Onions Harvested	87	99	100
Alfalfa 4 th cutting	87	81	91
Corn Harvested for Grain	13	8	34
Corn Harvested for Silage	87	86	93

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2011	2010	Avg	2011	2010	Avg	2011	2010	Avg	2011	2010	Avg	2011	2010	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted	98	90	91	97	92	93	90	90	89	100	99	97	98	93	93
Emerged	48	54	39	84	80	77	72	72	63	80	86	77	65	70	58
Potato															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	99	100	100	95	94	93	95	96	94	95	98	95
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	33	33	35	58	66	56	57	71	68	42	61	54

Avg (2006 – 2010); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, October 23, 2011 ^{1/}

Station	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation		Since Mar 1 Precipitation		Growing Degree Days Since March 1		
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Base 40 Total	Base 50 Total	Base 50 DFN
North											
Coeur D' Alene	60	37	50	2	0.29	-0.09	14.39	1.90	3,741	1,958	-228
Grangeville	64	36	51	6	0.13	-0.29	19.93	3.15	3,653	1,915	289
Lewiston	70	38	53	3	0.04	-0.17	9.03	1.36	5,008	2,905	6
Porthill	56	19	43	1	0.40	0.09	11.66	0.59	3,467	1,741	85
Winchester	64	30	47	5	0.07	-0.36	16.66	0.65	2,858	1,317	214
Southwest											
Boise	73	34	53	3	0.00	-0.17	9.38	2.89	4,637	2,627	-139
Emmett	70	36	52	3	0.21	0.00	9.21	2.73	4,610	2,675	31
Glenns Ferry	71	33	52	3	0.00	-0.14	9.76	4.78	4,675	2,756	82
Grandview	72	31	51	2	0.00	-0.11	6.31	2.04	4,567	2,567	-372
Nampa	69	34	51	2	0.00	-0.14	6.17	0.58	4,566	2,610	-159
Parma	70	35	53	6	0.00	-0.19	6.46	0.33	4,751	2,734	163
South Central											
Fairfield	66	25	46	4	0.00	-0.19	6.85	-0.32	2,899	1,337	-137
Malta	71	25	47	2	0.01	-0.14	9.46	1.71	3,673	1,933	-124
Picabo	65	30	48	5	0.00	-0.16	8.51	1.87	3,493	1,849	246
Rupert	70	30	49	3	0.00	-0.14	8.26	2.55	3,828	2,049	-59
Twin Falls	71	31	50	4	0.00	-0.17	7.24	1.38	4,125	2,295	281
East											
Aberdeen	67	28	48	5	0.00	-0.21	4.79	-1.36	3,652	1,937	183
Ashton	61	30	44	3	0.01	-0.27	12.33	0.58	2,912	1,364	18
Fort Hall	69	29	49	5	0.06	-0.17	10.85	2.89	3,748	1,995	-6
Idaho Falls	65	30	48	5	0.17	-0.03	7.61	0.40	3,816	2,057	198
Lava Hot Springs	65	29	48	3	0.29	0.06	16.51	8.55	3,465	1,821	-180
Montevieu	60	24	42	-1	0.00	-0.14	5.22	-1.47	3,068	1,483	-258
Preston	66	30	49	3	0.04	-0.20	14.81	5.23	3,895	2,140	33
Rexburg	63	25	44	2	0.01	-0.20	9.73	0.92	3,122	1,478	37

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.